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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Specification as indicated:

[0034] An alternate embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in Figure 6. In this alternate embodiment, the clients 630 through 636 are serviced by a server farm that consists of multiple servers 602 through 610 as illustrated in Figure 6. A load balancer 620 is used to distribute the load associated with the network 624 and clients 630 through 636. In this example, a load balancer 620 is used. However, other devices, such as a router, server, grid master, cluster master or other device could be substituted for the load balancer 620 with equivalent effect. The RAID load monitor 622 can be implemented on the load balancer 620 so that the RAID load monitor is in a position to monitor the number of clients ~~service-~~ serviced by the system 600, and to change the RAID cache policy used by the various servers 602 through 610 by implementing the method of the present invention as illustratively described in Figure 4. The configuration of Figure 6 is further useful in that the RAID load monitor 622 can tailor the RAID cache policy for each of the individual servers 602 through 610 individually (or collectively) so that additional tailoring and optimization of the network 600 can be achieved.